GRADE GAP ANALYSIS OVERVIEW

No information from the foundation boxes was used in the creation of this report.

Teacher Respondent Topic	# reviewed
Structure and Function	13
Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems	3
Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems	7
Inheritance and Variation of Traits	14
Natural Selection and Evolution	9
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Alignment							
No Alignment	Weak Partial	Strong Partial	Complete				
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Responses From:

Meeting Location	Structure and Function	Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems	Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems	Inheritance and Variation of Traits	Natural Selection and Evolution
Great Falls October 3 rd	2		1	2	1
Kalispell November 7 th	2				
Missoula/Lolo November 8 th	2		1	1	1
Miles City November 13 th	1			1	1
Red Lodge November 14	4			3	1
Billings November 15	2	1		2	
Bozeman December 3 rd		1			1
Missoula/Lolo December 6 th			1		3
Great Falls December 10 th			1	2	1
Shelby December 11 th		1		2	
Glasgow December 12 th			1	1	
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Total	13	3	7	14	9

Structure and Function

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Montana Science Content Standard 1 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate the ability to design,	HS- LS1-	HS- LS1-	HS- LS1-	Total
conduct, evaluate, and communicate the results and form reasonable conclusions of scientific investigations.	1.	2.	3.	
Generate a question, identify dependent and independent variables,				
formulate testable, multiple hypotheses, plan an investigation, predict its	3	3	11	17
outcome, safely conduct the scientific investigations, and collect and analyze				
the data				
2. Select and use appropriate tools including technology to make				
measurements (in metric units), gather, process and analyze data from	4	5	11	20
scientific investigations using appropriate mathematical analysis, error				
analysis, and graphical representation				
3. Review evidence, communicate and defend results, and recognize that the	8	6	9	23
results of a scientific investigation are always open to revision by further				
investigations. (e.g. through graphical representation or charts)				
4. Analyze observations and explain with scientific understanding to develop	6	11	4	21
a plausible model (e.g., atom, expanding universe)	_	_		
5. Identify strengths, weaknesses, and assess the validity of the experimental	4	3	7	14
design of an investigation through analysis and evaluation 6. Explain how observations of nature form an essential base of knowledge	_	_		_
among the Montana American Indians	1	1		2
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M	HS-	HS-	HS-	
Montana Science Content Standard 2	LS1-	LS1-	LS1-	Total
Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of properties,	1.	2.	3.	
forms, changes and interactions of physical and chemical systems.				
1. Describe the structure of atoms, including knowledge of (a) subatomic				
particles and their relative masses, charges, and locations within the atom, (b)				
the electrical and nuclear forces that hold the atom together, (c) fission and				
fusion, and (d) radioactive 2. Explain how the particulate level structure and properties of matter affect				
its macroscopic properties, including the effect of (a) valence electrons on the				
chemical properties of elements and the resulting periodic trends in these	1	1		2
properties, (b) chemical bonding, (c) molecular geometry and intermolecular	1	1		_
forces, (d) kinetic molecular theory on phases of matter, and (e) carbon-				
carbon atom bonding on biomolecules				
3. Describe the major features associated with chemical reactions, including				
(a) giving examples of reactions important to industry and living organisms,	1	1	1	3
(b) energy changes associated with chemical changes, (c) classes of chemical	_	_	_	
reactions, (d) rates of reactions, and (e) the role of catalysts				
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Montana Science Content Standard 3 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of characteristics, structures and function of living things, the process and diversity of life, and how living organisms interact with each other and their environment.	HS- LS1- 1.	HS- LS1- 2.	HS- LS1- 3.	Total
1. Investigate and use appropriate technology to demonstrate that cells have common features including differences that determine function and that they are composed of common building blocks (e.g., proteins, carbohydrates, nucleic acids, lipids)	7	5	3	15
2. Describe and explain the complex processes involved in energy use in cell maintenance, growth, repair and development	7	3	8	18
3. Model the structure of DNA and protein synthesis, discuss the molecular basis of heredity, and explain how it contributes to the diversity of life	10	5	3	18
4. Predict and model the interaction of biotic and abiotic factors that affect populations through natural selection, and explain how this contributes to the evolution of species over time	3	7	2	12
5. Generate and apply biological classification schemes to infer and discuss the degree of divergence between ecosystems	1	3		4
Montana Science Content Standard 4 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of the composition, structures, processes and interactions of Earth's systems and other objects in space.	HS- LS1- 1.	HS- LS1- 2.	HS- LS1- 3.	Total
1. Understand the theory of plate tectonics and how it explains the interrelationship between earthquakes, volcanoes, and sea floor spreading				
2. Identify and classify rocks and minerals based on physical and chemical properties and the utilization by humans (e.g., natural resources, building materials)				
3. Explain scientific theories about how fossils are used as evidence of changes over time				
4. Collect and analyze local and regional weather data to make inferences and predictions about weather patterns; explain factors influencing global weather patterns and climate; and describe the impact on earth of fluctuations in weather and climate (e.g., drought, surface and ground water, glacial instability)	1	1		2
5. Explain the impact of terrestrial, solar, oceanic, and atmosphere conditions on global climatic patterns	1	2		3
6. Describe the origin, location, and evolution of stars and their planetary systems in respect to the solar system, the Milky Way, the local galactic group, and the universe				
7. Relate how evidence from advanced technology applied to scientific investigations (e.g., large telescopes and spaceborne observatories), has dramatically impacted our understanding of the origin, size, and evolution of the universe	1			1
Montana Science Content Standard 5 Students, through the inquiry process, understand how scientific knowledge and technological developments impact communities, cultures and societies.	HS- LS1- 1.	HS- LS1- 2.	HS- LS1- 3.	Total
1. Predict how key factors (e.g., technology, competitiveness, and world events) affect the development and acceptance of scientific thought	4		1	5
2. Give examples of scientific innovation challenging commonly held perceptions	3		1	4
3. Evaluate the ongoing, collaborative scientific process by gathering and critiquing information	3		4	7
4. Analyze benefits, limitations, costs, consequences, and ethics involved in using scientific and technological innovations (e.g., biotechnology, environmental issues)	3		3	6
5. Explain how the knowledge of science and technology applies to contemporary Montana American Indian communities (e.g., natural resources development, management and conservation)	1			1

	HS-	HS-	HS-	
Montana Science Content Standard 6	LS1-	LS1-	LS1-	Total
Students understand historical developments in science and technology.	1.	2.	3.	
1. Analyze and illustrate the historical impact of scientific and technological				
advances, including Montana American Indian examples				
2. Trace developments that demonstrate scientific knowledge is subject to	2			2
change as new evidence becomes available				
3. Describe, explain, and analyze science as a human endeavor and an	1		1	2
ongoing process				

Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems

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Montana Science Content Standard 1								
Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate	the ability to	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	Takal
design, conduct, evaluate, and communicate the re		LS1-5	LS1-6	LS1-7	LS2-3	LS2-4	LS2-5	Total
reasonable conclusions of scientific investigations								
1. Generate a question, identify dependent and ind								
variables, formulate testable, multiple hypotheses,			2		1			3
investigation, predict its outcome, safely conduct t					_			٦
investigations, and collect and analyze the data	ne selentine							
2. Select and use appropriate tools including techn	ology to make							
measurements (in metric units), gather, process an								_
from scientific investigations using appropriate ma			1			1		2
analysis, error analysis, and graphical representation								
3. Review evidence, communicate and defend resu								
that the results of a scientific investigation are alw								
revision by further investigations. (e.g. through gra	iphical							
representation or charts)	1 . 1							
4. Analyze observations and explain with scientific		1		1			2	4
develop a plausible model (e.g., atom, expanding u								
5. Identify strengths, weaknesses, and assess the v					1			1
experimental design of an investigation through ar	alysis and				_			_
evaluation								
6. Explain how observations of nature form an ess	ential base of		1		2			3
knowledge among the Montana American Indians								
Montana Science Content Standard 2								
Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate	knowledge of	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	
properties, forms, changes and interactions of physical		LS1-5	LS1-6	LS1-7	LS2-3	LS2-4	LS2-5	Total
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within the atom, (b) the electrical and nuclear force								
atom together, (c) fission and fusion, and (d) radio								
2. Explain how the particulate level structure and p								
matter affect its macroscopic properties, including								
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resulting periodic trends in these properties, (b) ch								
(c) molecular geometry and intermolecular forces,								
molecular theory on phases of matter, and (e) carb	on-carbon atom							
bonding on biomolecules								
3. Describe the major features associated with che								
including (a) giving examples of reactions importa		1	1					2
living organisms, (b) energy changes associated w		-	_					_
changes, (c) classes of chemical reactions, (d) rate	of reactions, and							
(e) the role of catalysts								
4. Identify, measure, calculate, and analyze relatio	nships associated	4		_				_
with matter and energy transfer or transformations	, and the	1	2	2	1	1		7
associated conservation of mass								
5. Explain the interactions between motions and fo	rces, including (a)							
the laws of motion and (b) an understanding of the								
electromagnetic forces								
6. Explain how energy is stored, transferred, and to	ansformed,							
including (a) the conservation of energy, (b) kineti								
energy and energy contained by a field, (c) heat en				1		1		2
and molecular motion, and (d) energy tends to cha								
concentrated to diffuse	J							
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1. Investigate and use appropriate technology to demonstrate that cells have common features including differences that determine function and that they are composed of common building blocks (e.g., proteins, carbohydrates, nucleic acids, lipids)		2					2
2. Describe and explain the complex processes involved in energy	2	1	2	1		1	7
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4. Predict and model the interaction of biotic and abiotic factors that affect populations through natural selection, and explain how this contributes to the evolution of species over time							
5. Generate and apply biological classification schemes to infer and							
discuss the degree of divergence between ecosystems Montana Science Content Standard 4							
Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of the composition, structures, processes and interactions of Earth's systems and other objects in space.	HS- LS1-5	HS- LS1-6	HS- LS1-7	HS- LS2-3	HS- LS2-4	HS- LS2-5	Total
1. Understand the theory of plate tectonics and how it explains the interrelationship between earthquakes, volcanoes, and sea floor spreading							
2. Identify and classify rocks and minerals based on physical and chemical properties and the utilization by humans (e.g., natural resources, building materials)							
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4. Collect and analyze local and regional weather data to make inferences and predictions about weather patterns; explain factors influencing global weather patterns and climate; and describe the impact on earth of fluctuations in weather and climate (e.g., drought, surface and ground water, glacial instability)							
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1. Predict how key factors (e.g., technology, competitiveness, and world events) affect the development and acceptance of scientific thought							
2. Give examples of scientific innovation challenging commonly held perceptions	1		1			2	1
3. Evaluate the ongoing, collaborative scientific process by gathering and critiquing information							
4. Analyze benefits, limitations, costs, consequences, and ethics involved in using scientific and technological innovations (e.g., biotechnology, environmental issues)							

5. Explain how the knowledge of science and technology applies to contemporary Montana American Indian communities (e.g., natural resources development, management and conservation)							
Montana Science Content Standard 6 Students understand historical developments in science and technology.	HS- LS1-5	HS- LS1-6	HS- LS1-7	HS- LS2-3	HS- LS2-4	HS- LS2-5	Total
1. Analyze and illustrate the historical impact of scientific and technological advances, including Montana American Indian examples							
2. Trace developments that demonstrate scientific knowledge is subject to change as new evidence becomes available	1		1			2	1
3. Describe, explain, and analyze science as a human endeavor and an ongoing process			1			1	

Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems

Montana Science Content Standard 1 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate the ability to design, conduct, evaluate, and communicate the results and form reasonable conclusions of scientific investigations. 1. Generate a question, identify dependent and independent	HS- LS2-1	HS- LS2-2	HS- LS2-6	HS- LS2-7	HS- LS2-8	HS- LS4-6	Total
variables, formulate testable, multiple hypotheses, plan an investigation, predict its outcome, safely conduct the scientific investigations, and collect and analyze the data		1		1	1	1	4
2. Select and use appropriate tools including technology to make measurements (in metric units), gather, process and analyze data from scientific investigations using appropriate mathematical analysis, error analysis, and graphical representation	4	4		1	2	4	15
3. Review evidence, communicate and defend results, and recognize that the results of a scientific investigation are always open to revision by further investigations. (e.g. through graphical representation or charts)	1	2	2	1	2	2	10
4. Analyze observations and explain with scientific understanding to	1	2				2	5
develop a plausible model (e.g., atom, expanding universe) 5. Identify strengths, weaknesses, and assess the validity of the experimental design of an investigation through analysis and evaluation	1	3	2		2	2	10
6. Explain how observations of nature form an essential base of							
knowledge among the Montana American Indians							
Montana Science Content Standard 2 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of properties, forms, changes and interactions of physical and chemical systems.	HS- LS2-1	HS- LS2-2	HS- LS2-6	HS- LS2-7	HS- LS2-8	HS- LS4-6	Total
1. Describe the structure of atoms, including knowledge of (a) subatomic particles and their relative masses, charges, and locations within the atom, (b) the electrical and nuclear forces that hold the atom together, (c) fission and fusion, and (d) radioactive 2. Explain how the particulate level structure and properties of							
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3. Describe the major features associated with chemical reactions, including (a) giving examples of reactions important to industry and living organisms, (b) energy changes associated with chemical changes, (c) classes of chemical reactions, (d) rates of reactions, and (e) the role of catalysts							
4. Identify, measure, calculate, and analyze relationships associated with matter and energy transfer or transformations, and the associated conservation of mass	1						1
5. Explain the interactions between motions and forces, including (a) the laws of motion and (b) an understanding of the gravitational and electromagnetic forces							
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inferences and predictions about weather patterns; explain factors
influencing global weather patterns and climate; and describe the
impact on earth of fluctuations in weather and climate (e.g., drought,
surface and ground water, glacial instability)
5. Explain the impact of terrestrial, solar, oceanic, and atmosphere
conditions on global climatic patterns
6. Describe the origin, location, and evolution of stars and their
planetary systems in respect to the solar system, the Milky Way, the
local galactic group, and the universe
7. Relate how evidence from advanced technology applied to
scientific investigations (e.g., large telescopes and spaceborne
observatories), has dramatically impacted our understanding of the
origin, size, and evolution of the universe
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1. Predict how key factors (e.g., technology, competitiveness, and
world events) affect the development and acceptance of scientific
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5. Explain how the knowledge of science and technology applies to contemporary Montana American Indian communities (e.g., natural resources development, management and conservation)							
Montana Science Content Standard 6 Students understand historical developments in science and technology.	HS- LS2-1	HS- LS2-2	HS- LS2-6	HS- LS2-7	HS- LS2-8	HS- LS4-6	Total
1. Analyze and illustrate the historical impact of scientific and technological advances, including Montana American Indian examples			1	1			2
2. Trace developments that demonstrate scientific knowledge is subject to change as new evidence becomes available	1	3	4	2	2	1	13
3. Describe, explain, and analyze science as a human endeavor and an ongoing process		1	3	2	2		8

Inheritance and Variation of Traits

Montana Science Content Standard 1 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate the ability to design, conduct, evaluate, and communicate the results and form reasonable conclusions of scientific investigations.	HS- LS1- 4.	HS- LS3-1	HS- LS3-2	HS- LS3-3	Total
1. Generate a question, identify dependent and independent variables, formulate testable, multiple hypotheses, plan an investigation, predict its outcome, safely conduct the scientific investigations, and collect and analyze the data		7			7
2. Select and use appropriate tools including technology to make measurements (in metric units), gather, process and analyze data from scientific investigations using appropriate mathematical analysis, error analysis, and graphical representation	4	3		9	16
3. Review evidence, communicate and defend results, and recognize that the results of a scientific investigation are always open to revision by further investigations. (e.g. through graphical representation or charts)	2	1	8	1	12
4. Analyze observations and explain with scientific understanding to develop a plausible model (e.g., atom, expanding universe)	10	5	1	3	19
5. Identify strengths, weaknesses, and assess the validity of the experimental design of an investigation through analysis and evaluation			7	4	11
6. Explain how observations of nature form an essential base of knowledge among the Montana American Indians			1		1
Montana Science Content Standard 2 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of properties, forms, changes and interactions of physical and chemical systems.	HS- LS1- 4.	HS- LS3-1	HS- LS3-2	HS- LS3-3	Total
1. Describe the structure of atoms, including knowledge of (a) subatomic particles and their relative masses, charges, and locations within the atom, (b) the electrical and nuclear forces that hold the atom together, (c) fission and fusion, and (d) radioactive					
2. Explain how the particulate level structure and properties of matter affect its macroscopic properties, including the effect of (a) valence electrons on the chemical properties of elements and the resulting periodic trends in these properties, (b) chemical bonding, (c) molecular geometry and intermolecular forces, (d) kinetic molecular theory on phases of matter, and (e) carboncarbon atom bonding on biomolecules	1				1
3. Describe the major features associated with chemical reactions, including (a) giving examples of reactions important to industry and living organisms, (b) energy changes associated with chemical changes, (c) classes of chemical reactions, (d) rates of reactions, and (e) the role of catalysts		1			1
4. Identify, measure, calculate, and analyze relationships associated with matter and energy transfer or transformations, and the associated conservation of mass			1	1	2
5. Explain the interactions between motions and forces, including (a) the laws of motion and (b) an understanding of the gravitational and electromagnetic forces				1	1
6. Explain how energy is stored, transferred, and transformed, including (a) the conservation of energy, (b) kinetic and potential energy and energy contained by a field, (c) heat energy and atomic and molecular motion, and (d) energy tends to change from concentrated to diffuse	1				1
7. Describe how energy and matter interact, including (a) waves, (b) the electromagnetic spectrum, (c) quantization of energy, and (d) insulators and conductors	1				1

Montana Science Content Standard 3 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of characteristics, structures and function of living things, the process and diversity of life, and how living organisms interact with each other and their environment.	HS- LS1- 4.	HS- LS3-1	HS- LS3-2	HS- LS3-3	Total
1. Investigate and use appropriate technology to demonstrate that cells have common features including differences that determine function and that they are composed of common building blocks (e.g., proteins, carbohydrates, nucleic acids, lipids)	4	2	1		7
2. Describe and explain the complex processes involved in energy use in cell maintenance, growth, repair and development	10	2	2		14
3. Model the structure of DNA and protein synthesis, discuss the molecular basis of heredity, and explain how it contributes to the diversity of life	7	10	8	5	30
4. Predict and model the interaction of biotic and abiotic factors that affect populations through natural selection, and explain how this contributes to the evolution of species over time	3	5	7	4	19
5. Generate and apply biological classification schemes to infer and discuss the degree of divergence between ecosystems	1	1	2	2	6
Montana Science Content Standard 4 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of the composition, structures, processes and interactions of Earth's systems and other objects in space.	HS- LS1- 4.	HS- LS3-1	HS- LS3-2	HS- LS3-3	Total
1. Understand the theory of plate tectonics and how it explains the interrelationship between earthquakes, volcanoes, and sea floor spreading					
Identify and classify rocks and minerals based on physical and chemical properties and the utilization by humans (e.g., natural resources, building materials)					
3. Explain scientific theories about how fossils are used as evidence of changes over time					
4. Collect and analyze local and regional weather data to make inferences and predictions about weather patterns; explain factors influencing global weather patterns and climate; and describe the impact on earth of fluctuations in weather and climate (e.g., drought, surface and ground water, glacial instability) 5. Explain the impact of terrestrial, solar, oceanic, and atmosphere conditions					
on global climatic patterns 6. Describe the origin, location, and evolution of stars and their planetary systems in respect to the solar system, the Milky Way, the local galactic group, and the universe					
7. Relate how evidence from advanced technology applied to scientific investigations (e.g., large telescopes and spaceborne observatories), has dramatically impacted our understanding of the origin, size, and evolution of the universe					
Montana Science Content Standard 5 Students, through the inquiry process, understand how scientific knowledge and technological developments impact communities, cultures and societies.	HS- LS1- 4.	HS- LS3-1	HS- LS3-2	HS- LS3-3	Total
1. Predict how key factors (e.g., technology, competitiveness, and world events) affect the development and acceptance of scientific thought	1			7	8
2. Give examples of scientific innovation challenging commonly held perceptions	1			3	4
3. Evaluate the ongoing, collaborative scientific process by gathering and critiquing information		1		4	5
4. Analyze benefits, limitations, costs, consequences, and ethics involved in using scientific and technological innovations (e.g., biotechnology, environmental issues)			2	4	6
5. Explain how the knowledge of science and technology applies to contemporary Montana American Indian communities (e.g., natural resources development, management and conservation)	1	1		3	5

Montana Science Content Standard 6 Students understand historical developments in science and technology.	HS- LS1- 4.	HS- LS3-1	HS- LS3-2	HS- LS3-3	Total
1. Analyze and illustrate the historical impact of scientific and technological advances, including Montana American Indian examples	1		1	3	5
2. Trace developments that demonstrate scientific knowledge is subject to change as new evidence becomes available		1	1	5	7
3. Describe, explain, and analyze science as a human endeavor and an ongoing process				6	6

Natural Selection and Evolution

Montana Science Content Standard 1						
Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate the ability to design,	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	Total
conduct, evaluate, and communicate the results and form reasonable	LS4-1	LS4-2	LS4-3	LS4-4	LS4-5	Total
conclusions of scientific investigations.						
1. Generate a question, identify dependent and independent variables,						
formulate testable, multiple hypotheses, plan an investigation, predict its		2		2	1	5
outcome, safely conduct the scientific investigations, and collect and analyze				_	-	3
the data						
2. Select and use appropriate tools including technology to make						
measurements (in metric units), gather, process and analyze data from	2	1	6	1	1	11
scientific investigations using appropriate mathematical analysis, error		_	0	-	-	11
analysis, and graphical representation						
3. Review evidence, communicate and defend results, and recognize that the						
results of a scientific investigation are always open to revision by further	5	5	2	3	2	17
investigations. (e.g. through graphical representation or charts)						
4. Analyze observations and explain with scientific understanding to develop	2	2	1	2		7
a plausible model (e.g., atom, expanding universe)		2	1			,
5. Identify strengths, weaknesses, and assess the validity of the experimental	-	2	4	_	2	44
design of an investigation through analysis and evaluation	2	3	1	2	3	11
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6. Explain how observations of nature form an essential base of knowledge	2					2
among the Montana American Indians						
Montana Science Content Standard 2	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	Total
Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of properties,	LS4-1	LS4-2	LS4-3	LS4-4	LS4-5	
forms, changes and interactions of physical and chemical systems.						
1. Describe the structure of atoms, including knowledge of (a) subatomic						
particles and their relative masses, charges, and locations within the atom, (b)						
the electrical and nuclear forces that hold the atom together, (c) fission and						
fusion, and (d) radioactive						
2. Explain how the particulate level structure and properties of matter affect						
its macroscopic properties, including the effect of (a) valence electrons on the						
chemical properties of elements and the resulting periodic trends in these						
properties, (b) chemical bonding, (c) molecular geometry and intermolecular						
forces, (d) kinetic molecular theory on phases of matter, and (e) carbon-						
carbon atom bonding on biomolecules						
3. Describe the major features associated with chemical reactions, including						
(a) giving examples of reactions important to industry and living organisms,				1		1
(b) energy changes associated with chemical changes, (c) classes of chemical						
reactions, (d) rates of reactions, and (e) the role of catalysts						
4. Identify, measure, calculate, and analyze relationships associated with						
matter and energy transfer or transformations, and the associated conservation						
of mass						
5. Explain the interactions between motions and forces, including (a) the laws						
of motion and (b) an understanding of the gravitational and electromagnetic						
forces						
6. Explain how energy is stored, transferred, and transformed, including (a)						
the conservation of energy, (b) kinetic and potential energy and energy						
contained by a field, (c) heat energy and atomic and molecular motion, and						
(d) energy tends to change from concentrated to diffuse						
7. Describe how energy and matter interact, including (a) waves, (b) the						
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conductors						
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Montana Science Content Standard 3 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of characteristics, structures and function of living things, the process and diversity of life, and how living organisms interact with each other and their environment.	HS- LS4-1	HS- LS4-2	HS- LS4-3	HS- LS4-4	HS- LS4-5	Total
Investigate and use appropriate technology to demonstrate that cells have common features including differences that determine function and that they are composed of common building blocks (e.g., proteins, carbohydrates, nucleic acids, lipids)	1				1	2
Describe and explain the complex processes involved in energy use in cell maintenance, growth, repair and development	1	1	2			4
3. Model the structure of DNA and protein synthesis, discuss the molecular basis of heredity, and explain how it contributes to the diversity of life	5	2	3	1	2	13
4. Predict and model the interaction of biotic and abiotic factors that affect populations through natural selection, and explain how this contributes to the evolution of species over time	1	5	5	6	5	22
5. Generate and apply biological classification schemes to infer and discuss the degree of divergence between ecosystems						
Montana Science Content Standard 4 Students, through the inquiry process, demonstrate knowledge of the composition, structures, processes and interactions of Earth's systems and other objects in space.	HS- LS4-1	HS- LS4-2	HS- LS4-3	HS- LS4-4	HS- LS4-5	Total
Understand the theory of plate tectonics and how it explains the interrelationship between earthquakes, volcanoes, and sea floor spreading Identify and classify rocks and minerals based on physical and chemical properties and the utilization by humans (e.g., natural resources, building)	1		1		1	3
materials) 3. Explain scientific theories about how fossils are used as evidence of	1			1	2	4
changes over time	•			•	2	*
4. Collect and analyze local and regional weather data to make inferences and predictions about weather patterns; explain factors influencing global weather patterns and climate; and describe the impact on earth of fluctuations in weather and climate (e.g., drought, surface and ground water, glacial instability)						
5. Explain the impact of terrestrial, solar, oceanic, and atmosphere conditions on global climatic patterns				1		1
6. Describe the origin, location, and evolution of stars and their planetary systems in respect to the solar system, the Milky Way, the local galactic group, and the universe						
7. Relate how evidence from advanced technology applied to scientific investigations (e.g., large telescopes and spaceborne observatories), has dramatically impacted our understanding of the origin, size, and evolution of the universe						
Montana Science Content Standard 5 Students, through the inquiry process, understand how scientific knowledge and technological developments impact communities, cultures and societies.	HS- LS4-1	HS- LS4-2	HS- LS4-3	HS- LS4-4	HS- LS4-5	Total
1. Predict how key factors (e.g., technology, competitiveness, and world events) affect the development and acceptance of scientific thought	1					1
2. Give examples of scientific innovation challenging commonly held perceptions	2					2
3. Evaluate the ongoing, collaborative scientific process by gathering and critiquing information	3			2	1	6
4. Analyze benefits, limitations, costs, consequences, and ethics involved in using scientific and technological innovations (e.g., biotechnology, environmental issues)	1					1
5. Explain how the knowledge of science and technology applies to contemporary Montana American Indian communities (e.g., natural resources development, management and conservation)	1			1		2

Montana Science Content Standard 6	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	HS-	Total
Students understand historical developments in science and technology.	LS4-1	LS4-2	LS4-3	LS4-4	LS4-5	Total
1. Analyze and illustrate the historical impact of scientific and technological						
advances, including Montana American Indian examples						
2. Trace developments that demonstrate scientific knowledge is subject to	4			3		7
change as new evidence becomes available						
3. Describe, explain, and analyze science as a human endeavor and an	3	2		3		8
ongoing process						